

Department of Public Safety - Commonwealth of Massachusetts

One Ashburton Place – Boston – MA 02108
Board of Elevator Regulations – Hearings
Minutes – April 16, 2013

PRESENT:

David Gaudet, Member
Kevin McGettigan, Member

Walter Zalenski, Designee, DPS
Thomas Riley, Member

John O'Donoghue, Member
Deborah Ho, Program Coordinator, DPS

ABSENT:

Michael Nicoloro, Member

Harold McGonagle, Member

Cheri Davis

I. Meeting is called to order by John O'Donoghue, Acting Chair at 1:00PM introduction of the board members – a quorum is present

II. **82 Dover St – Somerville – New Installation**

Gwen Simpkins, Owner

Joseph Artley, Joseph Artley Architects

The Petitioner is seeking a variance/relief for an installation on 524 CMR 17.40 (1) – Medical Emergency Elevator – accommodating the loading and transportation of an ambulance gurney or stretcher in a three (3) family dwelling - space constraints do not allow for an elevator larger than 2000 pounds – a motion has been put forth by Thomas Riley to grant the variance to install a undersized/2000lb passenger elevator

Motioned by: Thomas Riley

Seconded by: David Gaudet

Vote: 5-1 – Variance granted

Absent Michael Nicoloro; Harold McGonagle

III. **320 Summer St – Boston – Review Governor Installation**

Barry Blackaby, Otis

Richard Turi, Otis

Donal Hagney, Otis

Kevin Mcelaney, Otis

Eric Brodsky, Otis

Gene Piermattei, Technical Code Coordinator, Department of Public Safety

Further review of an installation at 320 Summer St – Boston – the governor has been installed is located on the side of the hoistway, which compromises the safety of an inspector when testing a governor – reading from a copy of a letter addressed to the Chair of the Board of Elevator Regulations - list of non-compliant items - Otis Elevator has stated that most of the items listed have or will be corrected – discussion with the various deficiencies on installations as stated in a letter from Gene Piermattei, Technical Code Coordinator, Department of Public Safety addressed to John Caughey, Chair, the Board of Elevator Regulation dated March 26, 2013

- 1) Otis Elevator will comply with the Board of Elevator Regulations to move the governor from the side location of the elevator cab to top of car, facing in on all new and existing Gen 2
- 2) Issues with “counterweight made of concrete” – with the wear and rattling of the elevator, the concrete tends to crack and break up - Otis Elevator states the mixture in the concrete has metal added to the mixture – Otis to supply data and specs
- 3) 6mm ropes – Otis to verify existing variance for 6.3 mm governor ropes

- 4) Questions on product installations – Otis to answer if Otis Elite feature has been installed and activated in the State of Massachusetts – Otis to verify
- 5) Provide a list of all Gen 2S presently installed and or permitted in the State of Massachusetts
- 6) The Department of Public Safety will allow a sixty-day (60) certificate for all elevators that have a Gen 2S installations, **provided permit applications, engineer stamps and plans have been submitted – a new installation permit has been issued and has been inspected by the Elevator Inspector, from the Department of Public Safety without violations**
- 7) Otis to respond in writing to the seven(7) items listing in the letter from Gene Piermattei, Technical Code Coordinator, Department of Public Safety

A motion has been put forth by Kevin McGettigan to place the case “on hold”

Motioned by: Kevin McGettigan

Seconded by: David Gaudet

Vote: 5-0 – Variance “on hold”

Absent Michael Nicoloro; Harold McGonagle

Submitted by:

Deborah Ho

April 17, 2013

Revised:

April 23, 2013